

## Message Text

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FM USINT HAVANA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1839

C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 1215

E/O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EEWT, SOPN, CU  
SUBJECT: MEDICAL SHIPMENTS TO CUBA

REF: HAVANA 0460

1. EVELIO LASTRA, CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICA SECTION, CUBAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, TOLD USINT OFFICER, MAY 10, THAT CUBAN POSITION ON US-OFFERED ONE-TIME SALE OF MEDICINES TO CUBA IS THAT HAVANA WOULD PROBABLY GO AHEAD WITH PURCHASE OF SPECIFIED DRUGS IF "ONE-TIME" CONDITION WERE REMOVED. LASTRA SAID THAT CUBAN POSITION WAS JUSTIFIED BY FACT THAT, ONCE A PERSON BEGAN TAKING A PARTICULAR MEDICATION, A CONTINUED SUPPLY HAD TO BE ASSURED. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THIS POSITION DID NOT DIFFER FROM NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO US OFFER BY VICE-PRESIDENT CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ (SEE REFTEL), LASTRA SAID THAT WHAT HE HAD SAID CORRESPONDED WITH OFFICIAL CUBAN POSITION.

2. LASTRA SAID HE HAD COMMUNICATED CUBAN POSITION TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND COMMERCE OFFICIALS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND WAS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT CUBAN POSITION WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.  
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